

Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS, Johnstown.



NEWSLETTER

February-March, 2025.

Dear parents,

We are excited to announce that our school launched an official Instagram account on February 4th! This platform, along with our website, will keep you updated on school events, activities, and important announcements. You'll also find photos capturing memorable moments from our school community. In this newsletter, you will find key events from February and March, along with important notes.

Safer Internet Day



This year, Safer Internet Day took place on February 11th, and our school embraced the event with enthusiasm. Every class participated by creating their own 'Safety on the Internet' slogan posters, showcasing both creativity and a strong understanding of online safety. We received some fantastic entries, and each class had a winner who was awarded a special prize. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and engagement across the school for this important topic.

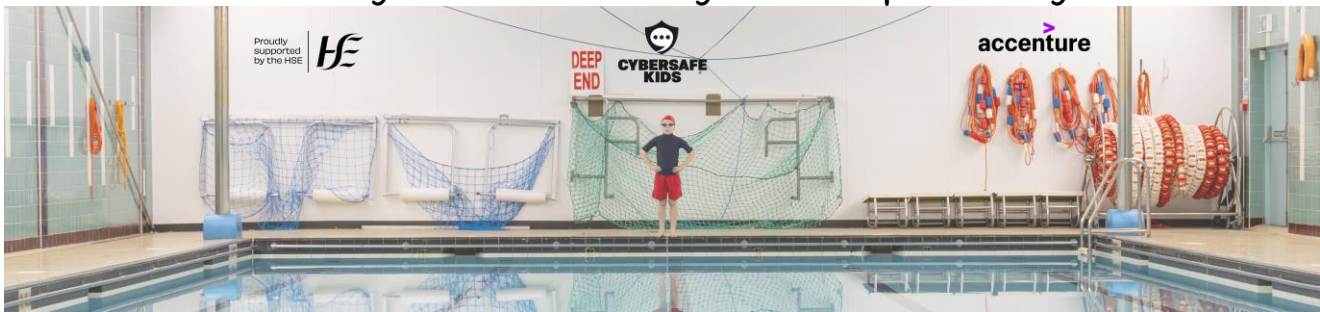


Cybersafe Kids Day 2025

We are delighted to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the **CybersafeKids Start Smarter Pilot Project**, a programme dedicated to promoting safer and smarter online use.

Throughout this month, tailored workshops have been delivered to parents, teachers, and pupils from First Class onwards, equipping them with essential knowledge on navigating the digital world safely. Additionally, pupils from Third Class and up have taken part in a survey exploring their internet habits.

The initial findings have been eye-opening, and we look forward to sharing the full results with you once the analysis is complete. Stay tuned!



You wouldn't allow it offline, so why allow it online?

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World Book Day



On March 6th, we celebrated World Book Day with lots of excitement in the school! Many of our pupils, and many of the staff, dressed up as their favourite book characters, bringing beloved stories to life. Throughout the day, students shared their favourite books with their Book Buddies, fostering a love of reading across all ages. Of course, no World Book Day would be complete without D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) moments, where everyone paused to enjoy a good book. It was a fantastic celebration of literature and storytelling!



International Womens Day

Our Sixth Class students worked hard on their projects about inspirational women. They presented their work to the school on International Women's Day, a very fitting occasion. All classes enjoyed visiting their exhibition in the hall and learning about these remarkable figures from them.



Confirmation

Congratulations to our Sixth Class students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Donal Roche, supported by Fr. John on March 13th. It was a lovely ceremony and was enjoyed by both the girls and their families.



Seachtain na Gaeilge



Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated from March 10th to 14th, and what a fantastic week it was! The girls really embraced the spirit of Gaeilge, making a commendable effort to speak Irish throughout the week. The highlight of the week was 'Lá Glas' on Friday, where each class performed a song in Irish. We were also treated to some wonderful Irish dancing performances by our talented pupils. For a glimpse of the day, check out the video on our Instagram, and visit our website for photos.



Meadow Fundraiser

We are raising funds for additional sensory resources for The Meadow, aimed at supporting our pupils with autism. One of our dedicated grandparents, Jimmy, is going above and beyond by walking One Million Steps to fundraise for this cause! (You can see more details on our Instagram). We are incredibly grateful to Jimmy for his outstanding gesture in support of The Meadow.

Additionally, many staff members and some parents are taking part in the Dublin Mini-Marathon this May to further support our fundraising efforts.

If you are in a position to contribute to this fundraiser, we would be very grateful.





First Confession

Our Second Class pupils celebrated their First Confession on Wednesday evening. It was a special and reverent occasion, with the girls singing beautifully and participating with great sincerity. Well done to all!

The logo for 'AsI Am' features the text 'AsI Am' in a white, sans-serif font. The 'I' is stylized as a vertical bar. The text is set against a background of two overlapping speech bubbles, one light blue and one light green.

Neurodivergence Talk

Adam Harris, founder and CEO of AsI Am will give a talk about his experience growing up as autistic individual in Ireland. It will take place in the school at 19.00 on the 30th of April. All are welcome to attend.

As always we are grateful to all of you for your continued support and collaboration as members of our school community.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Breen & the Johnstown GNS Team

Please see our website, www.Johnstowngns.com or our Instagram, <https://www.instagram.com/johnstowngirlsschool/?igsh=MWJ2MHQwOWJqc2lw> for additional news, photos and important information.

